

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows.

1 - 5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;
- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a second rod that is mounted for sliding movement along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moveable with respect to the shaft; and
- a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod ~~Dog excrement collector according to claim 5, wherein said shaft, said handle, said first rod and said frame are fixed together through removable fixing means.~~

7. (previously presented) Dog excrement collector according to claim 6, wherein said removable fixing means are clipping means.

8. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;

- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a second rod that is mounted for sliding movement along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moveable with respect to the shaft; and
- a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod ~~Dog excrement collector according to claim 5~~, wherein said slot of the shaft has, at each end, a groove that enables the first rod to be locked in a position corresponding to a sack that is opened and in a position corresponding to said sack that is closed.

9. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;
- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a second rod that is mounted for sliding movement along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moveable with respect to the shaft; and
- a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod ~~Dog excrement collector according to~~

~~claim 5~~, wherein said sack is provided with holes receiving hooks for fixing the sack to the frame.

10. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;
- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a second rod that is mounted for sliding movement along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moveable with respect to the shaft; and
- a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod ~~Dog excrement collector according to claim 5~~, wherein said sack comprises a plastic tie for closing said sack before being thrown away.

11. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;
- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a

second rod that is mounted for sliding movement along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moveable with respect to the shaft; and

a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod ~~Dog excrement collector according to claim 5,~~ wherein said handle is hollow for receiving at least one extra sack.

12. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector, comprising:

- a hollow shaft with a handle fixed to a first end of the shaft and with a rectangular frame fixed to a second end of the shaft;

- a first rod that is slidingly mounted inside the hollow shaft, said first rod extending beyond the second end of the shaft in order to be connected to a second rod that is mounted for sliding movement along the frame, said first rod being activated through a pull element moveable with respect to the shaft; and

a sack fixed to the frame and to the second rod in order for an opening thereof to be open or closed according to the position of the second rod with regard to the frame as controlled by the first rod ~~Dog excrement collector according to claim 5,~~ wherein fixing means are provided to fix the collector to a leash.

13. (previously presented) Dog excrement collector according to claim 12, wherein two fixing means are provided, one constituted by a VELCRO ® strip and the other by a ring fixed to the handle.

14. (currently amended) Dog excrement collector according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 6, wherein the sack material is made from a biodegradable material.